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For: **OPTICAL DEFLECTOR AND OPTICAL SWITCH**

**RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**  
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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated **February 9, 2004**.

In the Action, restriction is required between Group (I), Claims 1-8, 16 and 17; and Group (II), Claims 9-15.

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, the subject matter of Group (I), Claims 1-8, 16 and 17 for prosecution in this application. Applicants hereby reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 USC 120 and 35 USC 121 are retained.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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In the event any additional fees are required in connection with this response, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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